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SUBJECT: PRC VISA FOR XEROX TECHNICIAN

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1. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE NO OTHER PEKING MISSION HAS A XEROX MACHINE. TECHNICIAN, THEREFORE, IS ONLY REQUESTED FOR USLO. (FYI XEROX INDICATED WHEN THE MACHINE WAS RENTED THAT IF A NUMBER OF MISSIONS RENTED MACHINES, XEROX WOULD BEAR THE COST OF SENDING A TECHNICIAN, BUT NONE HAS DONE SO AS OF THIS DATE ALTHOUGH SOME ARE INTERESTED.)

2. IT IS THE EXCEPTION RATHER THAN THE RULE FOR MISSIONS IN PEKING TO OBTAIN THE SERVICES OF HONG KONG TECHNICIANS. THE PROBLEM IS THAT THE CHINESE WILL NOT ISSUE VISAS TO PERSONS IN HONG KONG WHO CARRY ONLY HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS. THE AUSTRALIANS, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE HAVING THEIR CARPETS LAID BY TECHNICIANS FLOWN IN FROM AUSTRALIA BECAUSE THE CHINESE DID NOT GRANT PERMISSION FOR CARPET LAYERS FROM HONG KONG.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT TECHNICIANS WILL NOT BE A U.S. CITIZEN AND CERTAINLY NOT A USG EMPLOYEE. WE DID INITIATE VISA REQUEST FOR THE TECHNICIAN WHO CAME WHEN THE MACHINE WAS INSTALLED AND WHEN IT BROKE DOWN IN NOVEMBER. IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, THE FIRST TWO TECHNICIANS PROPOSED WERE NOT ACCEPTABLE TO CHINESE BECAUSE THEY CARRIED HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS. THE TECHNICIAN WHO WAS SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED AND WHO ALSO CAME IN NOVEMBER IS OF CHINESE

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ORIGIN BUT CARRIED A BRITISH PASSPORT.

4. THE ONLY INSTANCE WE HAVE HEARD OF HONG KONG TECHNICIANS WITHOUT BRITISH OR OTHER PASSPORTS BEING PERMITTED TO ENTER CHINA WERE SOME TECHNICIANS WHO ASSISTED DURING THE BRITISH TRADE EXPOSITION ONE AND A HALF YEARS AGO.

5. WE RECOMMEND, IN VIEW OF OUR PAST PRACTICE, THAT USLO MAKE THE REQUEST FOR A VISA FOR THE TECHNICIAN REGARDLESS OF HIS NATIONALITY. (FYI XEROX HAS PROVIDED A NAME OF A TECHNICIAN BUT SINCE HE CARRIES ONLY A HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD, USLO HAS REQUESTED CONGEN HONG KONG TO ASK XEROX TO PROPOSE ANOTHER WHO CARRIES A PASSPORT, ENDGKYL.)
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